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Re: Docket No. 00P-1263/CP1

Dear Dr. Gurwith:

I am writing to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not yet able to issue a response to your citizen petition dated April 19, 2000, in which you request that FDA determine whether DHEA is excluded from the definition of dietary supplement.

FDA has been unable to issue a response to your petition because of the number of high priority issues involving dietary supplements. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition once we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Woodcock, M.D.
Director
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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